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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – Open Burning Law Reminder

Thank you for your patience and cooperation these past several weeks as we've stayed in regular contact regarding Covid-19 and related matters, especially those pertaining to health and safety precautions. Today I have another such update for which I'm asking your full cooperation:

We're receiving numerous complaints and calls to the Fire Department regarding violations of the City's Open Burning Law. This law states 'no person shall burn, or permit to be burned any brush, wood, lumber, paper products, plastic, tires, chemicals, trash, garbage, refuse or other related items within the limits of the City of Lackawanna.'

The Open Burning Law does NOT prevent the operation of outdoor grills or fireplaces for the preparation of food, or the installation and proper use of indoor fireplaces and wood stoves.

Anyone found guilty of violating the City's Open Burning Law is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$250, or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. You can read the full text of the Open Burning Law by clicking this link: <http://lackawannany.gov/.../uplo.../2020/04/Open-Burning-Law.pdf>.

Related to Covid-19, there are currently 14 confirmed cases in Lackawanna and 1,234 in Erie County. Please continue to follow all necessary precautions and together, let's 'use our heads to stop the spread.'

Stay Home. Stay Safe. And, God Bless.

Annette